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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW,LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six months, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, EcR-1 to EcR-18 inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

25 May 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 5/5

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1) Food Situation

Cultivation

(1) As has already been established, fuel is frequently lacking for agriculture. Seed procurement did not take place in good time, and the repairing of tractors and other agricultural machines presents delays. Because of this, cultivation of the fields could not take place in good time. This was especially the case at offices of the People's Commissariat of the River Fleet [NKRF], for example at Molotov, Ural'sk, and Ufa.

(2) The kolkhozes in Armenia completed cotton-sowing 25 days earlier this year than in 1942. Oktember Rajon cultivated a total of 4700 hectares. The kolkhoz "Anastvats", which has been decorated with the Order of Lenin, alone cultivated about 300 hectares. Almost all the kolkhozes which have fulfilled their plan are doing additional sowing for the defense fund and for assistance to the liberated oblasti. In other Armenian kolkhozes cattle are being apportioned and additional sowing is being done for the support of the families of members of the Red Army. In the Armenian Republic tobacco-planting has begun in great volume.

(3) To relieve the strained food situation, many offices and enterprises had already changed over last year to partially feeding themselves through their own agriculture. These offices are now to make known the extent of their work. Involved are the administrative authorities of the Tea Industry, of State Trade, of the railroad, of Dwelling Construction,

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of Machine-Tractor Stations and other agricultural organizations, of medical-sanitary enterprises, of enterprises of the Flour Procurement, of primary and middle schools, of enterprises of the communications network, of sovkhoses, and of the Construction Materials Industry. The authorities mentioned must submit the following reports by 10 June:

1. The number of employees who had gardens in 1942 and who received gardens in 1943.
2. The size of the cultivated area in hectares in 1942 and 1943.
3. Its provision with seed.
4. The extent of public land planted with potatoes and vegetables.
5. How far the requirements in agricultural implements are covered.

From the foregoing it is to be presumed that a further intensification of this additional agricultural supply is intended.

Supply

(4) The strained supply situation is apparent, among other things, from the fact that the Georgian and Transcaucasian Meat and Dairy Sales carried out the supply of industrial workers in May in an extremely unsatisfactory manner. For that reason the Georgian Council of Ministers was compelled to request the intervention of Moscow. The unsatisfactory supply in the sphere of food seems also to depend considerably on the transport situation. For example, 2,500 tons of millet, which cannot be shipped because of non-supply of freight cars, have been lying in Uvek, NKRF, since 5 May. Kirov, NKRF, is extraordinarily behind with the transportation of grain.

(5) Attempts are being made, through various makeshifts, to overcome certain deficiencies which have appeared. As has already been established, fishing and the agricultural self-supply of plants have been vigorously promoted for this reason. In this connection the Armenian NK for Textiles in Erivan is

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asking for permission to process 20 tons of cottonseed of poor quality into oil for food.

(6) A lack of salt is often established for individual offices. Thus, the Council of Ministers in Armenia reported that the 200 tons of salt authorized for the second quarter are not enough and that an additional 1,000 tons are needed. 3,500 tons of salt are necessary for the third quarter. This lack of salt is probably connected with the greatly increased plans for the fish catch.

(7) There have often been inconsistencies with the capacity of plants through too high production requirements. For example, in the second quarter the butter factory in Tiflis is to ship 817 tons of vegetable oil, while its production amounts only to 420 tons.

(8) Individual requisitions determined:

Stalingrad NKRF needs an additional 100 tons of seed potatoes.

Stalingrad, Lower Volga Steamship Agency, needs 4 tons of oats for fodder for May and June.

The Armenian Beer Industry needs 100 tons of barley in June, which is being covered entirely from the supplies of the Armenian NK for the Food Industry.

Kujbyshev NKRF needs 20 tons of fish from Astrakhan.

The food combine "Osetia" in Ordzhonikidze shipped 18 tons of macaroni in April. There is no more on hand.

The following authorizations for food were noted:

<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(9) Stalingrad NKRF	2 tons	oats	--	--
(10) Omsk	" 70 tons	"	--	for seed
(11) Molotov	" 15 tons	"	--	for seed
(12) Omsk	" 1.2 tons	millet	--	for seed
(13) "	" 4 tons	buckwheat	--	for seed
(14) Saratov	" 2 tons	fodder grain	--	in May

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(15) Chkalovsk NKRF	1.5 tons	fodder grain	--	in May
(16) Molotov "	1 ton	fodder grain	--	in May
(17) Ust-Usa				
Water Transport Base	2 tons	" "	--	in May
(18) Omsk NKRF	6.7 tons	peas	--	for seed
(19) Erivan Canning Trust	0.4 tons	carrot seed	--	in May
(20) Saratov NKRF	1,600 tons	sunflower seed	--	--
(21) "Smychka" Canning Plant	8 tons	flour	Rostov	in May
(22) Ufa NKRF	15 tons	fish(salted)	Kujbyshev	in May
(23) Astrakhan NKRF	2.5 tons	fat	Ka zan	in May
(24) Georgia Rajon NKVD	16.5 tons	milk	Tiflis	in June
(25) Azerbajdzhan Rajon NKVD	32.5 tons	milk	Tiflis	in June
(26) Azerbajdzhan Rajon NKVD	0.9 tons	Ewe's milk	Tiflis	in June
(27) Saratov NKRF	400 tons	mustard	"	"
(28) Tiflis "Generator" Plant	1,100 tons	denatured alcohol	Pyatigorsk	--

(29) As of 15 May, Georgian Mining has used in the second quarter:

2.0 tons of fish
0.5 tons of fish products
1.8 tons of vegetable oil
0.5 tons of butter
3.0 tons of macaroni
3.0 tons of salt
0.7 tons of sugar
1.0 tons of kitchen soap

(30) The Meat and Dairy Sales in Tiflis had the following turnover in April:

as of 1 April 2.31 tons of flour
received 7.52 tons of flour
used 0.31 tons of flour
as of 1 May 6.76 tons of flour

(31) Besides the orders already given, the Georgian Fruit Canning Trust in Tiflis is asking that the citrus combine in Batumi deliver in May:

100 tons of citrus fruit concentrates to the Black Sea Fleet in Batumi
150 " " " " " " " " Food Supply of the Trans-caucasus Front

Accordingly there must be a sufficient supply of these fruit concentrates on hand.

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(32) In all, the food situation seems not to have changed essentially as compared with the previous month. Accordingly it is to be considered as strained but still under control.

2) Metal Supply

(33) There is nothing noteworthy to add in the metal supply situation.

What was said in Military-Economic Report 4/5 still holds.

(34) Besides Novosibirsk and Irkutsk, Semipalatinsk and Omsk NKRF have also not fulfilled the scrap collection and delivery plans of the first quarter.

(35) The copper rolling mill in Tiflis temporarily could not produce, since it lacked raw material. The reason is to be sought in transportation difficulties. The inventory on 14 May amounted to 187 tons, which corresponds to about three weeks' production.

Steel and Iron

1. Scrap and chips

a) Collections, Balances and Deliveries:

	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Place or Plant</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(36)	90 tons	Scrap Iron	Makhachkala	Balance on 20 May
			Tech. -Oil Supply	
(37)	51 tons	" "	Groznyj Tech. -	Collected and delivered
			Oil Supply	in 2nd quarter
(38)	30 tons	" "	Groznyj Tech. -	Shipped in 2nd quarter
			Oil Supply	
(39)	8 tons	" "	Saratov, NKRF	Delivered in 2nd quarter
(40)	20 tons	" "	Kryushi NKRF	Delivered by 15 June

b) Authorizations:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(41)	Zvenigovo	17 tons	Scrap Iron	Kazan, NKRF	In 2nd quarter

2. Ores, steel and iron

a) Authorizations:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(42)	Kujbyshev NKRF	1 car	Cast iron	Magnitogorsk NKRF	Ship repair yard

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(43)	Chistopol NKRF	110 tons	Cast Iron	Volsk NKRF	
b) <u>Needed:</u>					
(44)	Alekseevskaya (52 km ENE Volsk)	5 tons	Iron	--	NKRF work- shop
(45)	--	195 tons	Carbon steel	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	
(46)	--	30 tons	Alloy steel	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	
(47)	--	24 tons	Tool steel	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	
(48)	--	3 tons	Quick- drawing steel	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	
(49)	--	6 tons	Ball-bearing steel	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	
(50)	--	40 tons	Sheet steel	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	
c) <u>Deliveries:</u>					
(51)	Plant 71	387 tons	45%	Iron Rolling	167 tons
	Plant 92		Ferrosilicon	Mill in	40 tons
	Plant 172			Zestafoni	180 tons
(52)	Plant 8	118 tons	75%	Iron Rolling	18 tons
	Plant 9		Ferrosilicon	Mill in	18 tons
	Plant 13			Zestafoni	20 tons
	Plant 71				24 tons
	Plant 172				18 tons
	Plant 525				20 tons
3. <u>Semi-finished goods</u>					
a) <u>Needed:</u>					
(53)	Bezlan	16 tons	Round iron	Makhachkala Metal Sales	For repairs
(54)	"	8 tons	Flat iron	"	"
(55)	"	2 cars	Sheet iron	"	"
(56)	--	99 tons	Round iron	Plant "Shmidt" in Baku	"Baksanstroj" delivery to R. R. Station Nalchik
(57)	--	17 tons	Sheet	--	"
(58)	--	18 tons	Rolled iron	--	"
(59)	--	17 tons	Iron bars No. 20	--	"
(60)	--	17 tons	Beams No. 30	--	"
(61)	--	17 tons	Sheet iron	Iron Works in Nizhne-Turinsk	"
(62)	Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis	7 tons	Fine sheet	--	
(63)	"	40 tons	Steel sheet	--	

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4. Finished goodsa) Authorizations:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(64)	Astrakhan "Volgatanker"	42 tons	Pipe	Pervouralsk	
(65)	Astrakhan "Volgatanker"	5 tons	"	Moscow	
(66)	Astrakhan "Volgatanker"	7 tons	"	Kirov	
(67)	Kujbyshev, NKRF	20 tons	"	Kirov	
(68)	Kujbyshev Middle-Volga Steamship Agency	1 car	Flue-pipe	Kirov	
(69)	Astrakhan "Volgatanker"	7 tons	Drawn pipe	Kirov	
(70)	Chistopol Ship Repair Yard	5 tons	Galvanized sheet iron	Gorkij	
(71)	Dneper-Dvina Steamship Agency	0.2 tons	Galvanized sheet iron	Gorkij	
(72)	Zvenigovo NKRF	1.1 tons	Rivets	Gorkij	
(73)	Foreign NKRF- Offices	6 tons	Roofing sheet	Zvenigovo NKRF	
(74)	Gorkij River Fleet Supply	2 tons	" "	" "	
(75)	Krasnoyarsk NKRF	1000 m	Steel cable	--	

b) Deliveries:

(76)	Kizel (not located)	100 units	Cut forgings	--	on 13 April
	Kizel (not located)	58 units	Drill forgings	--	on 13 April
	Kizel (not located)	20	Electric drill machines for hand-work	--	on 13 April
	Kizel (not located)	20	Mine priming machines	--	on 13 April
	Kizel (not located)	100	Pickaxes	—	on 13 April
	Kizel (not located)	58	Taps	--	on 13 April
	Kizel (not located)	200	Springs	--	on 13 April

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Non-Ferrous Metals

1. Scrap

Collections and Deliveries:

Quantity	Type	Place or Plant	Remarks
(77) 0.9 ton	Scrap	Makhachkala	Balance on 20 June
(78) 0.9 ton	"	Groznyj	" " " "
(79) 0.25 ton	"	Kryushi, NKRF	Delivered on 15 June

2. Raw Metals

a) Needed:

Consignee	Quantity	Material	Consignor	Remarks
(80) Electro zinc in Ordzhonikidze	50 tons	Lead	Leninogorsk Lead Plant	
(81) Electro zinc in Ordzhonikidze	10 tons	Aluminum	Plant 6, Moscow	

b) Authorizations:

(82) Kujbyshev NKRF	3.8 tons	Bronze	Kazan	in the 2nd quarter
(83) Uralsk NKRF	0.1 tons	"	Saratov	in the 2nd quarter
(84) Gorkij NKRF	2.5 tons	"	--	in the 2nd quarter
(85) Kujbyshev NKRF	2.0 tons	"	--	in the 2nd quarter
(86) Kirov NKRF	0.2 tons	"	Gorki	in the 2nd quarter
(87) Molotov NKRF	2.3 tons	"	--	in the 2nd quarter
(88) "Volgatanker"	10 tons	zinc oxide	Molotov NKRF	
(89) Upper Volga Steamship Agency	8 tons	" "	" "	
(90) Middle Volga Steamship Agency	3 tons	" "	" "	
(91) Lower Volga Steamship Agency	4 tons	" "	" "	
(92) Kama Steamship Agency	3 tons	" "	" "	
(93) Moscow-Oka Steamship Agency	2 tons	" "	" "	
(94) Belaya Steamship Agency	1 ton	" "	" "	
(95) Vyatka Steamship Agency	1 ton	" "	" "	
(96) Kujbyshev	2 tons	" "	" "	
(97) Chistopol	1 ton	" "	" "	
(98) Uralsk	0.5 tons	" "	" "	

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c) Deliveries:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(99)	--	31 tons	Copper products	Copper Rolling Mill in Tiflis	Deliveries from 1-12 June; Balance 187 tons

3) Oil Supply

(100) From the numerous supplementary requisitions which individual enterprises are submitting, one may observe that the planned fuel allocations have often been meted out too skimpily, and the enterprises are compelled to make extra requests for considerable amounts in order to fulfill their production figures.

(101) The amounts of the extra requests are approaching the same magnitude as the deliveries projected by the plan. Thus, for example, the Georgian Tea Sales in Tiflis is requesting 355 tons of oil and 49 tons of gasoline as an addition to the May plan of 370 tons of oil and 51 tons of gasoline.

(102) According to plan, the NKVD in Erivan is receiving 11 tons of gasoline in May, but it requires a supplement of 4 tons. From the turnover accounts which are at hand for various enterprises it appears that the situation may be called satisfactory, since considerable inventories are being built up in places.

1. Requirements:Fuel

	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	<u>Requesting Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(103)	49 tons	10 tons	Georgian Tea Sales, Tiflis	Supplemental in May
	15	10	Silk Spinning Mill, Tiflis	For June
	2	--	Fish Sales, Tiflis	Supplemental in May
	10	4	"Sovpren", Erivan	" " "
	4	--	NKVD Erivan	" " "
	12	5	NKRF Stalingrad	For June

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<u>Oil</u>	<u>Automobile Oil</u>	<u>Requesting Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(104) 335 tons	--	Georgian Tea Sales, Tiflis	Supplemental in May
--	4 tons	Silkspinning Mill, Tiflis	For June
--	2	NKRF Stalingrad	" "

<u>Legroin</u>	<u>Machine Oil</u>	<u>Requesting Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(105) 5 tons	2 tons	"Sovpren", Erivan	Supplemental in May
2	--	NKRF Stalingrad	In June

<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Requesting Office</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
2,000 tons	Uralsk NKRF	For the navigation period, including 1,200 tons in May
1,600	Gurev NKRF	For the navigation period
2,000	Uvek NKRF	

2. Authorizations:

<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	<u>Authorized for:</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(106) 51 tons	--	Georgian Tea Sales, Tiflis	In May
2	3 tons	NKVD Voroshilovgrad	Supplemental in May
--	1	"Plamya", Tiflis	" " "
20	50	NK for Agriculture, Tiflis	" " "
1.2	1.2	Gorkij NKRF	In May
0.13	0.1	Kujbyshev NKRF	"
0.7	2	Saratov NKRF	"
0.5	13	Molotov Water Transport Base	
0.3	0.5	Molotov NKRF	
200	8	Uralsk, Water Transport Base	In May
0.3	0.5	Krasnoyarsk NKRF	"
1	0.5	Ulan-Ude NKRF	"
	0.5	Kharbarovsk NKRF	"
0.2	--	Ust-Usa NKRF	"
0.2	--	Gorkij, River Fleet Supply	"
1.1	--	Gorkij, River Fleet Supply for different NKRF Offices	In May
0.2	1	Raznezhe NKRF	In May
0.1	--	Saratov	Ship Repair Yard in May
0.2	--	Molotov	" " " " "
--	1	Orel NKRF	In May
--	1	Cherdyn NKRF	"
0.1	--	Omsk	Ship Repair Yard in May

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<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	<u>Authorized for:</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
0.1 tons	--	West Siberia River Fleet	In May
0.6	--	Irkutsk NKRF	In May
300	--	Zayarsk NKRF	"
0.2	--	Blagoveshchensk NKRF	"
0.2	--	Zurashevka NKRF	
0.3	--	Kharbarovsk NKRF	In May
4	3.5 tons	Stalingrad NKRF	"
--	4	Molotov NKRF	
0.2	--	Uralsk NKRF	In May
0.1	--	Chardzhou NKRF	"

<u>Ligroin</u>	<u>Lubricating Oil</u>	<u>Authorized for:</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(107) --	1.2 tons	Gorkij River Fleet Supply	In May
0.2 tons	--	Krasnoyarsk NKRF	"
0.5	--	Ulan-Ude NKRF	"
0.6	--	Molotov Water Transport Base	"
--	0.1	Omsk, Ship Repair Yard	"
--	0.1	West Siberia River Fleet	"

<u>Oil</u>	<u>Motor Oil</u>	<u>Authorized for:</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(108) --	700 tons	Kazan NKRF	
--	300	Tetyukhe NKRF	
200 tons	--	Termez NKRF	
--	4	Kalach NKRF	In May
--	40	Kujbyshev NKRF	"

	<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Authorized for:</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(109)	100 tons	Kujbyshev NKRF	In May
	20	Saratov NKRF	"
	150	Molotov, Water Transport Base	"
	1,000	Molotov NKRF	
	2,500	Gorkij NKRF	
	500	Yaroslavl NKRF	
	1,800	Sokolki NKRF	
	1,800	Derbezhka NKRF	
	1,800	Molotov NKRF	
	2,000	Kamuste NKRF	
	100	Uralsk Water Transport Base	In May
	15	Mstinsk NKRF	"
	70	Kabony NKRF North-West Steamship Agency	
	40	Gostinopole NKRF Northern Steamship Agency	
	35	Arkhangelsk NKRF	

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<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Authorized for:</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
15 tons	Kotlas NKRF Sheksna -	
	Steamship Agency	
180	Cherepovets NKRF Sukhoma -	
	Steamship Agency	
70	Vologda NKRF Upper -	
	Volga Steamship Agency	
600	Rybinsk NKRF	
300	Kineshma NKRF	
10	Rybinsk NKRF Shipyard	
500	Kalinin NKRF Moscow -	
	Volga Canal-Steamship	
	Agency	

3. Noted Deliveries, Exchanges and Balances

(110) Uralsk NKRF received the following quantities: (given in tons)

	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Oil</u>
In January	0.3	1.8	--	--
February	0.25	7.9	19.1	3.7
March	1.1	4.9	--	6.7
April	2.4	4.0	--	0.5

(111)

<u>Balance on 1 May:</u>	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>	<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Oil</u>	<u>Lubricating Oil</u>
In Uralsk	--	1.0	--	200.0	--
Chkalovsk	--	--	60.0	--	0.4
Gurev on 15 June	--	--	--	--	0.3

(112) Plant "Kirov" in Tiflis received 0.8 ton of gasoline and 1.4 ton of petroleum.

(113) The Georgian Chief Directorate for Textile Supply in Tiflis reported the following consumption and arrivals:

	<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Motor Oil</u>
Received in April	1,127 tons	95 tons
Consumed "	1,091	99
Balance on 1 May	337	67

(114) The Machine Tool Plant in Tiflis reported consumption in the first 10 days of May as follows:

	<u>Mazut</u>	<u>Gasoline</u>	<u>Petroleum</u>
Consumed	11 tons	0.5 ton	0.1 ton
Balance on 11 June	74	0.4	0.1

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(115) Astrakhan NKRF had the following on hand in the first 10 days of May:

Received	8,500 tons mazut
Consumed	5,400 " "
Balance	3,100 " "

4) Textile and Leather Supply, Shoes

(116) Available messages provide no picture of the situation in the sphere of textiles, since it is a question here almost entirely of authorizations. As a result of the changeover to lighter clothing which took place with the beginning of warm weather, canvas clothes were chiefly represented among the authorizations.

Raw Materials

Authorizations:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(117)	Novosibirsk NKRF	150 tons	Wool	Bijsk	--
	Barnaul NKRF	200 tons	"	"	--
	Chardzhou NKRF	20 tons	Hemp	Novosibirsk Flax Trust	
	Aralsk NKRF	6 tons	"	Novosibirsk Flax Trust	
	Ilijsk NKRF	6 tons	"	Novosibirsk Flax Trust	

Fabrics

(118)	Erivan NK for Light Industry	500,000 m.	Material	--	--
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Clothing

(119)	Station Kavkazkaya	257 peices	Cotton clothes	--	For locomotive engineers
	Baku, Oil Supply	1,400 "	Canvas clothes	--	For Apr. /May
	Stavropol Rajon, NKVD	1,000 "	Canvas clothes	Tiflis	--
	Stalingrad NKRF	500 "	Canvas clothes	--	--
	Reconstruction Directorate of Lower Volga	400 "	Canvas clothes		

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	250 pieces	Dresses	For April
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	1,350	Padded knickers	For April
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	2,000	Knickers	For April
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	70	Knickers	For April
North Osetia NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	180	Knickers	For April
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	570	Sport clothes	For April
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	2,000	Sport clothes	For April
North Osetia, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	180	Sport clothes	For April
Dagestan NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	380	Sport pants	For April
Baku Oil Supply Azerbaijan	550	Capes	For April
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	30	Blouses	For April

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Kavkazkaya Station	384 pairs	Canvas gloves	For locomotive engineers
		<u>Bedclothes</u>	
(120) Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	180	Bed covers	For April
Armenia, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	200	Bed covers	For April
Armenia, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	500	Sheets	For April
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	100	Sheets	For April
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	999	Pillow-cases	For April
Stavropol Rajon NKVD	1,000	Pillow-cases	For April
		<u>Underclothes</u>	
(121) Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	550	Shirts	For April
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	1,500	Shirts	For April
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	1,500	Drawers	For April

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<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Georgia, NKVD Directorate for Dependents of Technical Personnel	550	Drawers	For April
Stavropol Rajon, NKVD	2,500	Under linens	--
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	2,000	Waist-bands	For April
Armenia, Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	5,500	Foot-bandages	For April
Dagestan, NKVD Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	2,000	Towels	For April
Armenia, Division for Dependents of Engineering Personnel	6,000	Towels	For April
Stavropol Rajon, NKVD	2,000	Towels	--

The following were noted as textile requisitions:

(122) Tashkent is requisitioning 2 tons of uniformly 3 millimeter rolled-out felt from the Chief Directorate for Aircraft Supply in Tiflis. The previously delivered felt is not usable because it was rolled unevenly.

(123) The Chief Directorate for Textile Sales in Erivan requires 10,000 meters of silk thread.

(124) The plant "Tsentrolit" in Tiflis is requisitioning the following work clothes for the second quarter:

- 30 pieces of canvas clothes
- 60 cotton stockings
- 50 combinations
- 100 smocks
- 50 pairs of special shoes

(125) Tiflis, Gold Industry Supply, requires 500 waistbands.

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(126) Gur'ev, NKRF, needs 300 each of bedsheets and pillowcases, and other bedding.

(127) In the field of leather craft as well, there are too few messages to characterize the situation more exactly.

(128) In April the Armenian Leather Industry produced the following:

lamb chrome leather	9,191 pieces	520,818 sq. m.
lambskin	631	--
goat leather	12,012	552,911
kid leather	5,595	32,271
pig leather	4,149 kg.	13,447
half leather	1,950	20,397
1st chrome leather	1,699	42,470
heifer leather	245	4,020
sole leather	700	15,716
buff leather	350	8,091
young ox leather	180	2,974

(129) Shipment of soft leather:

sheepskins	4,620 sq. m.
chevret	2,325
chevreau	3,179
calf leather	498
half leather	17
fat chrome leather	13,514
pig leather	39,260

(130) Hard leather in tons and square meters:

sole leather	12.6 tons	2,226 sq. m.
saddle leather	0.8	238
sheep's wool (backs)	0.6	--
sheep's wool (sides)	0.7	--

(131) The NK for Foreign Trade is transferring 100 tons of sole leather and 100,000 square meters of Russia leather to the Armenian NK for Light Industry in the second quarter. Because of lack of footwear, old rubber covers are being made into soles. For this reason the Food Supply in Tiflis is begging the Chief Directorate for Rubber for a shipment of 30 tons of this raw material. In other cases shoes with wooden soles were often to be identified.

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To be noted as authorizations and deliveries of shoes:

<u>Authorized</u>				
<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(132) Stalingrad	70 pair	Felt Boots	--	--
(133) Omsk, NKRF	200 "	Shoes	--	With wooden soles
(134) Baku, Oil Supply, Azer- bajdzhan	2000 "	Slippers	--	--
(135) Krasnodar, Employment Bureau	2000 "	Shoes	Tiflis, Light Industry	April delivery
(136) Stavropol', Emp. Bureau	1000 "	Shoes	Tiflis, Light Industry	April delivery
(137) Groznyj, Emp. Bureau	2000 "	Shoes	Tiflis, Light Industry	April delivery
(138) Makhachkala, Emp. Bureau	1500 "	Shoes	Tiflis, Light Industry	April delivery
<u>Delivered</u>				
(139) Kazan', NKRF	1000 pair	Shoes	--	With wooden soles

5) Chemical Supply

(140) The numerous requisitions, authorizations, and deliveries show that the chemical industry of the Soviet Union is making great efforts. However, difficulties also appeared here, caused above all by the transport situation. This led in places to serious repercussions, for example, in the case of the lack of explosives in the coal industry. In the middle of April there was a shortage of explosives at Tkvarcheli- and Tkivbuli- Coal. There was none at all in May. For a time there was help in the form of diversion of explosives from other places. But these supplies were limited. For this reason coal-hauling sank grossly. Paralysis threatened the enterprise.

(141) The soap factory in Ordzhonikidze is shut down because there is no oil for soap.

(142) The leather factories in Tiflis were to receive 10 tons of sulphuric acid from Alaverdy in April; since the delivery did not take place, obstacles

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to production arose. Also a leather plant in Erivan is threatened with losses because of late delivery of 40 tons of sulphate of soda from the Chief Directorate for Light Industry Supply in Kazan'.

(143) The chemical plant "Neftechala" needs 50 tons of caustic soda from the combine in Erivan. Since no delivery took place in April, interruptions in production occurred which led to a shutdown on 2 May.

(144) Obstacles have also arisen which were due to defective organization. Thus "Sovpren" in Erivan refused the delivery of 75 tons of caustic soda for the Fat Combine in Rostov/Don, because there were no instructions.

(145) More than once chemicals have been allocated to the plants by military authorities. For example, the leather plant "Lenin" in Rostov received from the commander of the Southern Front allotments of: potassium bichromate, calcium soda, sulphuric acid, dyes, soaking apparatus, and sulphate (see the table of authorizations). The Georgian NK for the Food Industry in Tiflis intends to order chloric sulphuric acid from the Chemical Department of the Caucasus Front.

(146) These cases, established for the first time, of supplying plants through the chemical departments of the armed forces signify that there is a purely military sector existing alongside the civilian sector, just as in the case of aviation. However, nothing is known about its limitations and problems. It is significant that even plants close behind the front, as, for example, in Rostov, are working again.

(147) Scarce raw materials are being replaced by substitutes; for example, the textile industry is using liquefied calcium oxide instead of soda.

(148) The Chemical Plant in Alaverdy shipped 656 tons of vitriol from January to April. In the first ten-day period of May 115 tons were shipped. The inventory of vitriol amounted to 440 tons. The high stocks of vitriol as compared

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with the extensive need (see the table of authorizations), allow the supposition that transport difficulties have hindered shipment.

(149) The Chief Directorate for Fats and Oils in Erivan shipped the following quantities of soap for Armenia from 10 to 15 May:

6.8 tons of household soap for villages
12.7 " " " " " cities
49.7 " " " " " on separate orders
<u>69.2</u> " total (85 tons on hand)

0.8 ton of toilet soap for villages
1.8 " " " " " cities
<u>2.6</u> " total (23.4 tons on hand)

(150) On 10 May the CD for Fats and Oils in Erivan had an inventory of 700 tons of household soap and 24 tons of toilet soap.

(151) The soap plant in Tiflis is to produce 2,700 tons of soap during the year.

(152) In spite of manifold difficulties, the total picture of the chemical industry shows a notable production capacity.

<u>Requirements</u>					
	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(153)	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	2 tons	Battery-Acid	--	--
(154)	Tiflis NK for Textiles	40	Calcium-oxide	Kutais, Lithopone Plant	--
(155)	Tiflis NK for Food Industry	10	Chloro sulfuric acid	Chemical Division of Transcaucasus Front	--
(156)	Chapaevsk, Plant 102	100	Carbide	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	--
(157)	Chelyabinsk Chemical Plant	40	Calcium carbide		--
(158)	Neftechala	50	Caustic soda	Erivan, Combine	--
(159)	Ordzhonikidze Technical Fat Industry	30	Soap-oil	--	--
(160)	Tiflis, "Georgia State Planning"	45	Soap-oil	--	--
(161)	Ordzhonikidze Market Industry	1	Domestic soap	--	--
(162)	Zestafoni, "Ironworks"	3	Special soap	--	--

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(163)	Tambov, Plant 204	150 tons	Alcohol	Pyatigorsk Alcohol Trust	For May
(164)	Tiflis, Georgian NK	750	Castor oil	--	For special work in Kirovabad
<u>Authorizations</u>					
(165)	Military Sani- tation Directo- rate	0.6	Sulphuric acid	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	For 2nd quarter
(166)	Rostov, Leather Plant "Lenin"	3.5	Sulphuric acid	Southern Front Command	--
(167)	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	10	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy	--
(168)	Navtlug, Georgian NK for Light Industry	20	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy	For May
(169)	Military Sanitation Directorate	0.3	Battery acid	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	For 2nd quarter
(170)	Military Sanitation Directorate	0.1	Hydrochloric acid	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	For 2nd quarter
(171)	Black Sea Fleet	2	Hydro- chloric acid	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	For May
(172)	Poti, Chief Directorate for Naval Ports	4	Carbonic acid	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	--
(173)	Military Sanitation Directorate	0.2	Sulphur	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	For 2nd quarter
(174)	Tiflis Plant "Generator"	0.5	Sulphite extract	--	For 2nd quarter
(175)	Rostov, Leather Plant "Lenin"	0.5	Sulphite	Southern Front Command	--
(176)	Baku, Glass Factory	100	Sulphite	Tiflis, Georgia Canning Trust	--
(177)	Tiflis	20	Salammoniac	--	--
(178)	Tiflis	50	Vitriol	--	--
(179)	NK for Agri- culture of USSR	450	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	--
(180)	NK for Agri- culture of USSR	210	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	1st 10-days June
(181)	Georgia ASSR	435	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	For 2nd quarter in- cluding 200 for 1st 10- days June
(182)	Stavropol Rajon	90	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	1st 10-days June
(183)	--	180	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	To be sent 1st 10-days June

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(184)	For 3 Sovkhozes	64 tons	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(185)	Azerbaijdzhan C.D. for Canning	5	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(186)	Armenian C.D. for Canning	5	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(187)	Georgian C.D. for Canning	5	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(188)	Dagestan C.D. for Canning	5	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(189)	Makhachkala C.D. for Canning	5	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(190)	Krasnodar C.D. for Canning	15	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(191)	Ordzhonikidze C.D. for Canning	3	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(192)	Azerbaijdzhan NK for Textiles	7	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(193)	Krasnodar Agri- cultural Supply	20	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(194)	Armavir Supply	40	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(195)	Stavropol Supply	40	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(196)	Rostov Supply	20	Copper vitriol	Alaverdy Copper- vitriol Works	In 2nd quarter
(197)	Chiatura, Manganese Trust	1	Asphalt lacquer	--	--
(198)	Tiflis Plant, "Generator"	5	Glycerine	--	For 2nd quarter
	Tiflis Plant "Generator"	1	Dextrin		For 2nd quarter
	Tiflis Plant "Generator"	0.1	Starch		For 2nd quarter
	Tiflis Plant "Generator"	0.2	Stearin		For 2nd quarter
(199)	NK for Arms	300	Carbide	Kirovakan Chemical Plant	--
(200)	NK for Navy of the Pacific Ocean Fleet in Mys-Churkin	40	Carbide	Kirovakan Chemical Plant	--
(201)	Astrakhan, Oil Supply	20	Carbide	Kirovakan Chemical Plant	--
(202)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	45	Carbide	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	1st Quarter
(203)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	15	Carbide	Tiflis, Chemical Sales	For May

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(204)	--	20 tons	Carbide	Erivan Carbide Works	For May
(205)	Plant 77 of Tank Industry	40	Carbide	Kirovakan Chemical Works	--
	Plant 77 of Tank Industry	40	Calcium carbide	Kirovakan Chemical Works	For 2nd quarter
(206)	Rostov, Leather Plant "Lenin"	2	Bichromate of potash	Southern Front Command	--
(207)	--	12	Chloride of lime	Chistopol NKRF	To build a dock
(208)	Chistopol, NKRF	12	Calcium chloride	--	--
	" "	2.5	Calcined soda	--	--
(209)	Erivan Canning Trust	40	Calcined soda	Kirovabad	--
(210)	Erivan Fat Combine	24	Caustic soda	Erivan "Sovpren"	For May
(211)	Rostov, Fat Combine	12	Caustic soda	Erivan, Fat Combine	From Sovpren delivery
(212)	Tiflis, Soap Factory	6	Caustic soda	Erivan Fat Combine	From Sovpren delivery
(213)	Krasnovodsk, Oil Plant	25	Caustic soda	Erivan "Sovpren"	In 1st 10-days May
(214)	Black Sea Fleet	10	Caustic soda	Tiflis Chemical Sales	For May
(215)	Black Sea Fleet	15	Caustic soda	Erivan "Sovpren"	--
(216)	Erivan, Armenia Council of NK	1	Caustic soda	--	For May
(217)	Erivan, Armenia Light Industry	38	Caustic soda	Erivan "Sovpren"	" "
(218)	Moscow	0.9	Potash	Tiflis "Generator"	Work for May
(219)	NK for Rubber Industry	200	Powdered pumice-stone	Erivan, NK of Armenia S.S.R.	For 2nd quarter
(220)	Tiflis, Soap Factory	50	Soap-oil	--	For May
(221)	Tiflis, Soap Factory	0.06	Domestic soap	--	2nd quarter
(222)	Poti, Black Sea Fleet	28	Toilet soap	--	--
(223)	Rostov, "Lenin" Leather Works	0.3	Tanning fluid	Southern Front Command	--
(224)	Rostov, "Lenin" Leather Works	1.8	Dyestuffs	Southern Front Command	--
(225)	Sumgait	100	Explosives	Tiflis, Explosives Industry	For June
(226)	Erivan	40	"	Tiflis, Explosives Industry	" "
(227)	Navtlug	40	"	Tiflis, Explosives Industry	" "

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<u>Deliveries</u>				
<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(228) Tiflis, Copper Rolling Mill	12 tons	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	In April
(229) Dagoninsker Plant	42	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(230) Neftechalinsk Plant	124	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(231) Kutais, a Plant	37	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(232) Tiflis, Georgia Textile Industry	15	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(233) Zestafoni, a plant	11	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(234) Erivan Armenia Light Industry Supply	36	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(235) Tiflis & Baku, C.D. for Chemical Supply	30	Sulphuric acid	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	In April
(236) Baku, Glassware Factory	100	Sulfite	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	" "
(237) --	656	Vitriol	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	Jan/April
(238) --	115	Vitriol	Alaverdy Chemical Plant	1st 10-days in May
(239) Astrakhan, C.D. for Oil Supply	20	Carbide	Erivan, Chemical Plant	In May
(240) Sutlery 336	30	Domestic soap	Tiflis	1-15 May
(241) Depot 167	10	Domestic soap		
(242) Health Directorate of Trans-caucasus Front	64.5	Domestic soap	Erivan, C.D. for Fats & Oils	1-15 May
(243) Towns, Cities and Special Commissions	69.2	Domestic soap	Erivan C.D. for Fats & Oils	10-15 May
(244) Towns, Cities & Special Commissions	2.6	Toilet soap	Erivan C.D. for Fats & Oils	" "

6) Transport Situation

(245) The transport situation for railroads remains the same. Lately only authorizations and requirements for cars for May/July could be identified.

(246) The North-Donets Railroad is making available in May:

420 cars for Cast Iron Works in Lutugino (18 km SSW Voroshilovgrad),
20 cars for Plant "Yakubovski" Plant in Voroshilovgrad, and from 15
May to 15 June 50 cars daily to the Locomotive Factory in Voroshilovgrad for metal shipments.

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For June the following cars were authorized:

(247) The Chemical Factory in Erivan for carbide deliveries 4 cars

Delivery plan: to Apparalnaya 1 car
Inskaya " "
Nalchik " "
Saratov " "

(248) The Industrial Wholesale Trade Industry Base in Tiflis for wadding deliveries 7 cars

Delivery plan: to Voroshilovsk Railroad 2 cars
Ordzhonikidze " " "
Tiflis 3 cars

(249) The Industrial Wholesale Trade Industry Base in Baku for wadding deliveries 8 cars

Destination: South-East-Railroad 3 cars
Kazan Railroad 3 cars
Kujbyshev 2 cars

(250) To Plant "Generator" in Tiflis for delivery of metal products 13 cars

Forwarding plan: Rostov 1 car
Adzhi-Kabul 2 cars
Armavir 1 car
Krasnodar 1 "
Baku 1 "
Yaroslavl 1 "
Kutosovo 1 "
Tushino 1 "
Bezmyanka 4 cars

(251) For shipment of nonferrous metals to Stupino: 1 car

(252) For shipment of building materials:

Brick from Fukheti (?) 10 cars
Lime from Malai 3 "
Slate from Telavi 2 "
Chalk from Tsalki (?) 2 "

(253) The Building Trust in Erivan requires for the construction of Plant 447 in

July 360 cars for transports within the Caucasus territory, including:

for cement 40 cars
building timber 60 cars
firewood 40 cars

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(254) The River Fleet has to struggle with increasing difficulties, resulting in a very unfavorable transport situation. Kujbyshev could not carry out the scheduled transports in the first half of May.

(255) Considerable quantities of grain remained for days at various places in Novosibirsk Rajon because there was no cargo space. There were no tugs either.

(256) The NKRF office in Omsk has done an extraordinarily poor job of fulfilling the transportation plan for grain and wood. In the first half of May Semipalatinsk fell considerably behind in the transportation of grain and salt.

7) Civil Air Fleet

(257) The Deputy Chief of the Civil Air Fleet Semenov has the rank of a major general.

(258) The employees of the Civil Air Fleet are now to be instructed in military-political questions also. For this purpose there will take place at the Political Directorate in Moscow in June a four-week course, to which the following offices will send participants:

Yakutsk	1
Khabarovsk	2
Novosibirsk	3
Sverdlovsk	1
Zegedin's Group	2

(259) Raskazov's Group is to report all linguists to the Chief Directorate in Moscow. This group probably flies a partisan pool.

(260) The Omsk airport has been prepared for the opening of regular mail and passenger traffic.

(261) The flight regiments are to receive 40 extra-budgetary aircraft U2 from flight schools. The machines are to be sent to Bykovo with their crews. This is evidently the collection point for airplanes entering the pool. Aircraft not fit for pool service are being repaired at ARB 405 (Sverdlovsk or Alma-Ata?).

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(262) The Civil Air Fleet has its own children's home in Tashkent.

Residence in this home is free; preference is given to children of deceased soldiers. Children are to be sent away to this home from Leningrad also.

(263) Newly noted troops:

Flight Group, unattached, named for the first time, location Novosibirsk

Zolotov's Group, named for the first time, location probably Moscow Rajon,
Commander Zolotov, Fp. No. 74 559

Armenian Independent Flight Division, named for the first time, location
Erivan

Barbinskaj Escadrille, named for the first time

Pavlodarsk Escadrille, named for the first time

(264) Units confirmed:

62nd Guard Regiment

111th Escadrille, Commander Rekhtmann, named for the first time, location
probably Isil-Kul (138 km. west of Omsk)

(265) According to call-sign reading and direction-finding, Raskazov's Group
is located in Edrovo (25 km SE of Valdaj). There is no confirmation as yet.

(266) The following flight schools were noted:

Flight School Kurgansk (received 133 students on 30 April)

Flight School Aktyubinsk (director Kosolapov)

(267) The Airplane Repair Bases:

ARB 401 in Novosibirsk and

ARB 402 " ? were confirmed.

(268) The following plants were noted for the first time or were confirmed:

Newly noted: Automobile Plant ZIS 21 (probably in Shadrinsk)
Plant 279

Confirmed: Veneer Plant 3 (probably in Kazan')
Plant 16 (probably in Kazan')
Plant 734 (probably repairs motors)

(269) In a message of 10 May from Novosibirsk to Moscow an Airport
Barabinsk (310 km E of Omsk) is named for the first time.

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8) Miscellaneous

(270) In connection with the proclamation of a state of siege for the NKRF, reported in Military-Economic Report 4/5, new disciplinary regulations for employees of the NKRF were introduced on 20 May.

(271) According to these new regulations the employees of the NKRF are equated with members of the Navy, as far as the penal code is concerned. The regulations are expressed in an exceptionally sharp and military manner. The authoritarian principle is the basis for the regulations.

(272) In order to promote the welfare of labor, bonuses and other rewards are mentioned in detail in these regulations. The text of the regulations is attached in the appendix.

(273) According to a message of 22 May, the state of siege has also been proclaimed for the personnel of the Maritime Fleet.

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Appendix

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of 25 May 1943

Disciplinary Regulations of the People's Commissariat for the River Fleet

To all organizations of the NKRF of the USSR.

The Disciplinary Regulations for workers and employees of the River Fleet of the USSR are hereby published.

"Confirmed by the Council of People's Commissars of the USSR on 19 May 1943"

The Disciplinary Regulations for workers and employees of the River Fleet of the USSR

I. General Regulations

1) Military discipline in the River Fleet consists in the responsible execution of duties by workers and employees. They must unquestioningly carry out the commands and instructions of their superiors. The regulations have the purpose of establishing a responsible consciousness of work in each member of the River Fleet, according to which "work is an affair of honor, of glory, of manly virtues, and of heroism." (Stalin)

2) Military discipline obliges each member of the River Fleet:

- a) to carry out in the most exact manner the duties officially assigned to him;
- b) to fulfill unquestioningly every lawful demand, assignment, and regulation valid for the River Fleet;
- c) to know his sphere of work thoroughly and well and to perfect himself in it continually;
- d) to guard and keep in repair state property, such as technical installations of the River Fleet (ships, docks, hydrotechnical apparatus, etc.), other equipment, and technical material;
- e) to fulfill the production norms prescribed for industry and transport.

3) State and military secrecy is to be most strictly preserved. The command of a superior is law for subordinates. It is to be executed unquestioningly, exactly,

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and punctiliously.

4) Each offender against discipline in the River Fleet is to be officially punished or handed over to the jurisdiction of a military court.

5) The workers of the River Fleet are accountable for their offenses in the service according to the same laws which apply to personnel of the Navy.

6) All transactions about offenses which are committed within the jurisdiction of the River Fleet are to be judged in the military courts of the Waterways Departments according to war-time laws.

7) For offenses in the service, NKRF workers and employees will be expelled from the River Fleet and, according to the judgment of the military court, placed in military penal companies, if no stronger punishment must be inflicted.

8) The superior must be a model in the fulfillment of his duties. He must give his commands to his subordinates exactly and clearly. He must always demand exact execution of his orders, must scrutinize the execution, and if the occasion arises must punish his subordinates in a disciplinary manner or must reward them.

9) The subordinate is to receive each order from his immediate superior. In case the subordinate has received an order from a higher authority, he must carry this out and simultaneously make a report to his immediate superior.

10) The present regulations are effective for all workers, employees, and engineer-technical personnel of the offices and installations of the River Fleet who are subordinate to the NKRF. The present regulations are likewise effective for administrative, teaching, and service personnel, for the employees of the higher educational institutions, and for the technical educational institutions and courses which are subordinate to the NKRF.

11) The directing and political personnel of the NKRF and of the operative offices of the River Fleet must wear a uniform in the execution of their duties.

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12) Each member of the River Fleet must have the most exact knowledge of the present regulations.

II. Disciplinary Punishments

13) Disciplinary punishments are imposed on employees of the River Fleet for offenses connected with the service, if, according to law, the offenses do not make the guilty person answerable before the regular courts.

14) Disciplinary punishments are:

- a) reprimand
- b) strong reprimand
- c) arrest of up to 20 days together with execution of regular duties
- d) arrest of up to 20 days without execution of regular duties and without payment of wages for the time of arrest
- e) demotion

15) Only one disciplinary punishment may be imposed for one and the same offense.

16) The disciplinary punishment is to be imposed immediately after the commission of the offense; in any case not later than one month after commission of the offense. Before announcing punishment, the superior must hear an explanation from the guilty person.

17) In imposing punishment, the superior must take into consideration:

- a) the gravity of the offense and the damage arising from it,
- b) the circumstances under which the offense was committed,
- c) the previous conduct of the guilty person.

18) Each superior may impose the punishment of reprimand or strong reprimand on his subordinates.

19) Only superiors who have the right of recruiting personnel may impose demotion.

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20) The following may impose the punishment of arrest:

- a) up to 5 days -- ship's captains of the Transport Fleet, commanders of land units, chiefs of docks of the 2nd and 3rd classes, directors of ship repair yards, workshops, and construction sections.
- b) up to 10 days -- harbor chiefs and chiefs of main docks and docks of the 1st class, chiefs of technical sections, chiefs of offices, departments, and directorates of the steamship agencies and of the oblast waterways directorates, chiefs of register inspections and of steamship agency inspections, directors of plants, yards, and industrial enterprises which are directly subordinate to the NKRF, and chiefs of higher educational institutions and of technical schools.
- c) up to 15 days -- chiefs of the central directorates of the departments of the NKRF, and chiefs of registers.
- d) up to 20 days -- chiefs of the pool departments of the NKRF, and chiefs of the steamship agencies and of the oblast waterways directorates.

21) In the absence of leading personnel, their permanent deputies may impose all the above-mentioned disciplinary punishments.

22) The People's Commissar of the River Fleet and his deputies may make use of all disciplinary privileges to their full extent according to the present regulations.

23) Each chief of a higher level may exercise, besides the disciplinary privileges proper to himself, those of chiefs subordinate to him.

24) If it is necessary because of the gravity of the offense to make use of disciplinary punishments which are greater than those proper to the superior concerned, then he must make a report to his immediate superior and suggest the level of punishment. In all other cases, the superior imposes his punishments independently.

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25) Each punishment imposed will be announced in an order and in necessary cases will be read aloud at a meeting of the workers of the office or enterprise concerned or published in the newspapers. All punishments will be communicated to the worker and entered in his records. He must endorse these entries.

26) If a superior does not exercise his disciplinary power in necessary cases, then that fact itself amounts to a direct breach of discipline, that is, to an official lapse.

27) Complaints of workers of the River Fleet concerning incorrect or unlawful exercise of the disciplinary power by their superiors are to be brought to the next higher authorities through official channels. Complaints will not delay the infliction of punishment.

28) The complaint is to be directed in writing, not later than three days after punishment has been pronounced, to a higher authority than the person who imposed the disciplinary punishment.

29) The next higher authority must examine the complaint and render its conclusions within three days after receipt of the complaint. Its conclusions are binding. Further complaints are not permitted. If there is no answer to the complaint in ten days, the accused may lay his complaint before the next following higher authority.

30) If the worker has committed no new offenses in the service within a year, the punishment is considered as not having been imposed. If the worker has behaved well after the imposed punishment, the superior who imposed the punishment may erase it before the year is up.

III. Commendations and Prizes

31) Commendations and prizes will be distributed to those members of the River Fleet who execute their duties in an exemplary manner, exceed the prescribed norms, and handle state property carefully; in addition, to those who develop initiative and show resourcefulness and self-sacrifice in their work.

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Especially rewarded will be those who prevent damages to ships and injuries to ships's furnishings.

32) The following commendations are provided:

- a) grateful acknowledgment in an order,
- b) monetary prizes
- c)
- d) appointment to a higher service rank,
- e) bestowal of a diploma and the medal "Prizewinner of the Socialist Competition of the NKRF. "

33) The combination of more than one commendation is permissible.

34) Every superior has the privilege of making grateful acknowledgment in an order. Superiors who exercise the right of personnel recruitment have the privilege of granting a present, of ordering a monetary prize with promotion to a higher service rank. Only the People's Commissar of the River Fleet exercises the privilege of bestowing a medal (as above) and the diploma of the NKRF. In the absence of the superiors concerned, their permanent deputies may announce all the commendations mentioned.

35) Besides the privileges of commendation belonging to him, each higher authority may also exercise those of the next lower authority.

36) If, in the opinion of a superior, a subordinate has merited a reward which the superior himself may not bestow, the latter must report this fact to the next higher authority.

37) Each reward is to be published in an order and must be entered in the workbook and records of the worker.

38) In his own province each superior must maintain constant control over discipline and the correct execution of the present regulations.

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